

# 20 Questions for Babysitters to Ask Parents



1. Where can parents be reached while they are gone?
2. If the parents cannot be reached who should be called?
3. What foods are to be served and where are they kept?
4. How to use the stove or other appliances needed to prepare the food?

5. What are particular danger spots in and around the house, how they should be controlled, and what safety reminders does the child require more frequently?
6. How to lock the doors, adjust the windows, and control air conditioning or heat.
7. Who, if anyone, should be admitted to the house?
8. What to do if the baby wakes and cries?
9. Where are the bath articles kept?
10. Where are needed articles of clothing kept?
11. Are first aid supplies available, and where they are kept.
12. Are the children allowed to play in a neighbor's yard or with neighboring children?



13. Who, if anyone, is allowed to take the children, such as close relatives or friends?
14. What to do if the electricity goes off.
15. Is emergency lighting such as lanterns or flashlights available?
16. Is a list available of emergency phone numbers?

17. Are there any medications the children take, and how to administer them.
18. Are the children allowed to watch T.V., which shows and how long?
19. What time should the children be put to bed?
20. What type of discipline do the parents want you to use?

